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1. [REDACTED] Dick Haas on the staff of Senator Claiborne Pell (D., R. I.) called in follow-up to my call yesterday and said he had spoken to the Senator and in response to my inquiry, Senator Pell would very much like to speak with Mr. Colby about Diego Garcia sometime before the pertinent legislation is considered on the Senate floor; Haas was quite sure the Senator meant Mr. Colby and not a substantive expert, but said he would be glad to check this out with the Senator further if I would like. I told him that would not be necessary at this time, that I was sure Mr. Colby would want to be responsive, but that I just wanted to be clear on this point. Later Haas called suggesting that perhaps the session could occur sometime between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. on Monday, 19 August, or possibly Friday afternoon, 16 August. I told him we might have some problem matching schedules on this and he agreed that there was some flexibility since the markup of the pertinent legislation was not scheduled by the Armed Services Committee until Tuesday, 20 August, and the main point was to have the meeting with the Director prior to consideration of the legislation on the Senate floor. I assured myself that Haas was aware of the Director's testimony on Diego Garcia as published in the Congressional Record, and of the news reports concerning [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] In connection with the Senate Appropriations Committee consideration of the restrictions concerning CIA in the HUD/NASA appropriation bill (H.R. 15572), in Mr. Cary's absence, I informed Clark McFadden, General Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, that the examples we had provided on Economy Act transfers, while not necessarily classified, present the problem that inevitably one gets into classified areas when you explore the means by which the services were rendered. McFadden quickly grasped this point, indicating he felt Senator John C. Stennis (D., Miss.) could handle this on a general basis, coming up with hypothetical examples if necessary. He also agreed that having the classified listing of the types of projects supporting Economy Act transfers provided a basis for informed judgment.

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25X1 [REDACTED] Al Westphal, Senior Staff Consultant, House Foreign Affairs Committee, reported that Bill Adams, from the House Legislative Counsel office, was now drafting language to be substituted if a Muskie-type amendment on the role of the ambassador overseas is proposed on the floor during the consideration of the State authorization bill. Westphal believes that even if the matter does not come up on the floor, our work is not in vain since it is an issue which will have to be settled in conference. He also recommended that we contact Representatives Peter H. B. Frelinghuysen (R., N. J.) and Dante B. Fascell (D., Fla.) on this matter and restated his interest that we contact the members of our oversight committees for support if needed. We sent to Westphal copies of President Kennedy's 1961 letter and President Nixon's 1969 letter concerning the role of the ambassador.

25X1 4. [REDACTED] OP/Recruitment Division, called in connection with a call he had received from the Civil Service Commission concerning the Agency's rejection of the application of [REDACTED] 25X1A [REDACTED] indicating that Senator William L. Scott (R., Va.) had made an inquiry on his behalf. I reviewed the background of the case as far as I knew it and 25X1A recommended he call [REDACTED] General Counsel's office, for guidance on how to handle this matter.

25X1 5. [REDACTED] In the absence of Representative Peter H. B. Frelinghuysen (R., N. J.), met with his Administrative Assistant, Kent Crane, and reviewed our problems with enactment of role of the Ambassador legislation as part of the State authorization bill. I left with him a package including suggested language change if an amendment similar to the Muskie amendment is moved on the House floor; Deputy Secretary Clements' letter to Chairman Thomas E. Morgan (D., Pa.), House Foreign Affairs Committee, on this subject; and the instructional letters of 1961 and 1969 issued by President Kennedy and President Nixon. I made it clear that we were providing this information at the suggestion of Al Westphal, Senior Staff Consultant, House Foreign Affairs Committee, and Crane expressed no problem at all with our position.

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